



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Lifesaving plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique biologic products for which no substitute therapies exist. These treatments save and improve the lives of individuals across Georgia and around the world; and
- WHEREAS: Plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions, including hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, primary immunodeficiency diseases, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, hereditary angioedema, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, Rh-negative pregnancies, and other rare neurological disorders; and
- WHEREAS: Plasma protein therapies have significantly improved the quality of life for those who suffer from such conditions, markedly improved patient outcomes, and extended life expectancy for an estimated 3,100 Georgians. Each year, approximately 15,000 pregnant women in Georgia receive a plasma protein therapy to protect both mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and
- WHEREAS: There are 26 plasma donation centers in the State of Georgia certified under the International Quality Plasma Program where healthy and committed donors provide plasma that is used to manufacture high-impact, life-saving therapies; and
- WHEREAS: Plasma Awareness Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the need for plasma collection and the impact of these therapies on patients with rare diseases, to recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding of lifesaving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2017, as PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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